



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

April 28, 2011

Metro Council Chambers

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Barbara Roberts, Rex Burkholder, Kathryn Harrington, Carlotta Collette, and Shirley Craddick

Councilors Excused: Councilor Carl Hosticka

Council President Tom Hughes convened the regular Council meeting at 2 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Les Poole, 15115 SE Lee Ave., Milwaukie: Mr. Poole addressed the Council on the Portland to Milwaukie light rail line. He stated that TriMet has made an error in building light rail to unincorporated Clackamas County. He cited budget challenges and impacts to Kellogg Lake as reasoning. He also commented on the lack of participation by other jurisdictions including the North Clackamas Parks District.

3. WILLAMETTE PEDESTRIAN COALITION PRESENTATION

Ms. Stephanie Routh of the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition provided a presentation on the coalition's recent *Getting Around on Foot Action Plan* report. Her presentation included information on the study's purpose, methods, and 12 key findings:

- Provide safe crossings
- Close sidewalk gaps
- Recognize equity
- Fund bike and pedestrian improvements
- Plan for human scale
- Calm traffic
- Combine transit with walking
- Prioritize infrastructure improvements
- Design for all abilities
- Engage communities
- Create partnerships
- Urban design: Trail connectivity and street connectivity

Council discussion included individual communities' perspectives on sidewalks and potential effects on calming traffic, the importance of addressing safe crossings, the 20-minute neighborhood concept, and safety concerns related to freight and bike/pedestrian access.

4. REGIONAL FUNDING MODELS

Mr. David Fisher provided a brief presentation on two existing greenway systems in St. Louis, Missouri and Minneapolis, Minnesota. His presentation included information on greenway system components, and greenways' social, environmental and economic benefits. Mr. Fisher emphasized that a defined and regionally unified greenway vision has the ability to create a sense of place and connectedness for local residents.

Council discussion included the roles for political leaders versus grassroots/citizen organizations, importance of equity, potential funding mechanisms, the affects of climate change, and the importance of celebrating accomplishments at all steps of the process.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Rex Burkholder moved to adopt the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of the Council Minutes for April 21, 2011• Resolution No. 11- 4254, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of a New Member and Re-Appointment of a Pre-existing Member to the Metro Audit Committee.• Resolution No. 11-4255, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Ms. Cece Hughley Noel and Mr. David Davies to the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC).• Resolution No. 11-4258, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Acting Chief Operating Officer to Purchase a Conservation Easement Over Property in the Willamette River Greenway Target Area Under the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Harrington, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

6.1 **Ordinance No. 11-1257A**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Establish Solid Waste Disposal Charges and System Fees for FY 2011-12, to Modify Hazardous Waste Charges, and to Establish the Effective Date for the FY 2011-12 Solid Waste Excise Tax Rate.

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-1257A.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Councilor Harrington introduced Ordinance No. 11-1257A which if approved would establish charges for the transaction fee, tonnage charge, and minimum load charge collected at Metro transfer stations. Additionally, approval of the ordinance would set the regional system fee used to fund region-wide waste prevention programs including hazardous material and environmental cleanup. The proposed utility rates are in line with costs and result in \$0.25/mo. for households, \$1.30/mo. for commercial businesses and higher for heavy waste contributors (i.e. commercial food businesses). Fuel and fuel prices were cited as the main cost drivers. Additionally, Councilor Harrington reminded attendees that Ordinance No. 11-1257A, first read on April 21, authorizes an additional \$5 fee for acceptance of all hazardous waste collected at Metro transfer stations.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-1257A. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council discussion included potential solutions to control short and long term cost drivers.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Harrington, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

6.2 **Ordinance No. 11-1253**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Dan Cooper of Metro, serving as the Budget Officer, provided a brief presentation on the FY 2011-12 Metro budget. Mr. Cooper overviewed the process to date highlighting Council work session discussions and public comment opportunities. He emphasized that the budget was prepared based on the Council adopted fiscal policies that aim to maintain Metro in a sound financial condition and as a result Metro continues to hold a AAA bond rating. Additionally, while the majority of the budget is focused on customer service operations (i.e. venues, solid waste disposal and parks), it also offers an opportunity for council policy setting for agency work plans related to *Making a great place*.

Council President Hughes opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-1253. Seeing no citizens who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed.

Council reviewed, at their April 26 work session, a set of staff recommended technical amendments. (Complete list of amendments included as part of the meeting record.)

Motion:	Councilor Harrington moved to approve the proposed technical amendments en bloc.
Second:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Harrington, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

Council will hold a second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-1253A on June 16. Final read, public hearing, Council consideration and vote are scheduled for June 23.

7. **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

7.1 **Ordinance No. 11-1259**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code 2.02.050, Charitable Solicitations.

Second read, public hearing, Council consideration and vote on Ordinance No. 11-1259 are scheduled for May 12. Councilor Collette was assigned as carrier for the legislation.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 **Resolution No. 11-4259**, Approving the FY 2011-12 Budget, Setting Property Tax Levies and Transmitting the Approved Budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Council President Hughes passed the gavel to Councilor Collette to officiate the meeting while he served as carrier for Resolution No. 11-4259.

Motion:	Council President Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 11-4259.
Second:	Councilor Harrington seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Resolution No. 11-4259. The resolution, if adopted, would approve the FY 2011-12 Metro budget as amended, set the tax levy, and forward the budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. Approval of the resolution would transition the Metro budget from the “proposed” to the “approved” stage.

The TSCC is scheduled to meet with the Metro Council on June 9 at 12:30 pm at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers. The TSCC will hold a public hearing and then certify Metro’s tax levy. Following TSCC action, later in June, the Metro Council will then consider any additional budget actions prior to adoption of the budget. Council is anticipated to consider and take action on the final budget on June 23.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Roberts, Harrington, Collette, Craddick, and Burkholder voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

9. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mr. Cooper announced two upcoming events at the Oregon Convention Center: Gathering of the Craft Gilds and Northwest Solar Expo and Clean Technology showcase.

10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Council members provided updates on recent meetings or events including Urban Land Institute event, and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, Natural Areas Performance Oversight Committee and East Metro Connections Plan meetings. Additionally, Council discussion included community anchor institutions (i.e. schools and medical facilities) and research opportunities at OHSU.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:40 p.m. The Metro Council will reconvene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in the Metro Council Chambers.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2011

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
	Agenda	4/28/11	Revised 4/28/11 Council agenda	42811c-01
3.0	PowerPoint	N/A	Willamette Pedestrian Coalition "Getting Around on Foot Action Plan"	42811c-02
4.0	PowerPoint	N/A	David Fischer's presentation, "Metro Council"	42811c-03
5.1	Minutes	4/21/11	The 4/21/11 Council minutes	42811c-04
5.4	Exhibit	N/A	Revised Resolution No. 11-4258, Exhibit A	42811c-05
6.1	Legislation	4/21/11	Ordinance No. 11-1257A, exhibits and staff report	42811c-06
6.2	Memo	4/25/11	To: Metro Council From: Kathy Rutkowski RE: Dept. Requested Amendments to FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget	42811c-07
6.2	Handout	N/A	Revised FY 2011-12 proposed budget amendment	42811c-08
6.2	Handout	N/A	Revised FY 2011-12 proposed budget amendment	42811c-09